

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Art Wittich, on March 30, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Art Wittich, Chair (R)
Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kirk Wagoner, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Alan Doane (R)
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Stephanie Hess (R)
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Albert Olszewski (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 148, 3/26/2015; SB 316, 3/26/2015; SB 349, 3/26/2015

Executive Action: SB 350, SB 217, SB 336, SB 263

00:00:02 Chairman Wittich
00:01:02 Rep. Mandeville entered

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 350

00:01:22 **Motion:** Rep. Wagoner moved that **SB 350 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:02:07 Chairman Wittich
00:02:40 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:03:35 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Eck, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Hill, Rep. Jacobson, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Pease-Lopez and Rep. Pierson voting no. Rep. Mandeville will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 217

00:04:39 **Motion:** Rep. Wagoner moved that **SB 217 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:04:50 Sue O'Connell, LSD
[EXHIBIT\(huh66a01\)](#)

00:05:34 **Motion:** Rep. Wagoner moved that **SB 217 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:05:45 Sue O'Connell, LSD

00:06:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:06:33 **Motion:** Rep. Wagoner moved that **SB 217 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:06:47 Rep. Hill
00:07:29 Chairman Wittich
00:07:35 Rep. Hill
00:08:00 Chairman Wittich
00:08:12 Rep. Wagoner
00:08:22 Chairman Wittich
00:08:31 Rep. Olszewski

00:09:29 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Eck, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Hill, Rep. Jacobson, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Pease-Lopez and Rep. Pierson voting no. Rep. Olszewski will carry the bill.

00:10:35 Chairman Wittich

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 263

00:11:42 **Motion:** Rep. Wagoner moved that **SB 263 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:11:56 Sue O'Connell, LSD

00:14:11 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Doane, Rep. Hess, Rep. Mandeville, Rep. Olszewski, Rep. Redfield, Rep. Ricci, Rep. Wagoner and Rep. Wittich voting no. Rep. Eck will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 336

00:14:31 **Motion:** Rep. Wagoner moved that **SB 336 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:14:56 Sue O'Connell, LSD

00:15:44 Rep. Ricci

00:16:07 Rep. Olszewski

00:17:03 Rep. Karjala

00:17:33 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Eck, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Hill, Rep. Jacobson, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Pease-Lopez and Rep. Pierson voting no. Rep. Ricci will carry the bill.

00:19:01 Chairman Wittich

HEARING ON SB 148**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:19:42 Sen. Cary Smith (R), SD 27, opened the hearing on SB 148, Provide for the welfare fraud prevention act.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:24:19 Jessica Rhoades, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

EXHIBIT(huh66a02)

00:31:12 Kim Abbott, Montana Human Rights Network

00:32:50 Robin Turner, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)

00:33:53 Amanda Harrow, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:35:03 Rep. Ricci
 00:35:28 Sen. Smith
 00:36:52 Rep. Jacobson
 00:37:18 Sen. Smith
 00:38:04 Rep. Jacobson
 00:38:10 Sen. Smith
 00:39:18 Rep. Jacobson
 00:39:43 Sen. Smith
 00:39:57 Rep. Jacobson
 00:40:07 Sen. Smith
 00:40:47 Rep. Hayman
 00:41:38 Jessica Rhoades, DPHHS
 00:42:32 Chairman Wittich
 00:42:56 Jessica Rhoades, DPHHS
 00:43:17 Chairman Wittich
 00:43:31 Jessica Rhoades, DPHHS
 00:44:01 Chairman Wittich
 00:44:57 Jessica Rhoades, DPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

00:45:13 Sen. Smith

[EXHIBIT\(huh66a03\)](#)

00:45:37 Chairman Wittich left and Vice Chair Wagoner took over the Chair

HEARING ON SB 349**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:49:07 Sen. Cary Smith (R), SD 27, opened the hearing on SB 349, Allow for options in health insurance coverage of abortion services.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:51:14 Greg Trud, Right to Life in Montana
 00:52:41 Garrett Bacon, Self
 00:53:40 Matt Brower, Montana Catholic Conference

Opponents' Testimony:

00:54:52 Maggie Moran, Naral Pro Choice Montana
 00:58:27 Jill Baker, Planned Parenthood of Montana
 01:00:57 Robin Turner, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)
 01:02:50 Nikki Zupanic, Montana Civil Liberties of Montana
 01:03:42 Kim Abbott, Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:05:09 Sen. Smith

01:05:17 Chairman Wittich entered the hearing

01:06:49 Chairman Wittich

01:07:19 Recess until after Floor Session
00:00:02 Reconvened
Rep. Pease-Lopez and Rep. Karjala where not present

00:00:03 Chairman Wittich

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 263

00:00:55 **Motion:** Rep. Berglee moved to **RECONSIDER THE MOTION** on **SB 263**.

Discussion:

00:01:07 Chairman Wittich

00:01:37 Rep. Wagoner

00:01:46 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Eck, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Hill, Rep. Jacobson, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Olszewski, Rep. Pease-Lopez and Rep. Pierson voting no. Rep. Karjala and Rep. Pease-Lopez voted by proxy.

00:02:57 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Wagoner moved that **SB 284 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 9-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Eck, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Hess, Rep. Hill, Rep. Jacobson, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Pease-Lopez and Rep. Pierson voting no. Rep. Karjala and Rep. Pease-Lopez voted by proxy.

00:04:16 Chairman Wittich

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:04:25

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh66aad.pdf](#))